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## **COMMUNICATION**

Applicant received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) regarding the Amendment After Final submitted on June 14, 2004.

Prior to that notice, Applicant received an Advisory Action from the Examiner indicating that the Amendment After Final would not be considered or entered because it raised new issues which would require further consideration and/or search.

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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant

Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated: 08/13/2004

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Consequently, Applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination in this case further requesting that the Previously Submitted Amendment After Final be considered.

Insofar as it is that Amendment which is now identified as being Non-Compliant, a new copy of the Amendment After Final, identified as Resubmission of Amendment After Final is hereby submitted correcting the non-compliant claim status identification language. It is requested that the Examiner consider this copy of the amendment during the examination of the RCE.

Because the fees required for the Amendment After Final were already paid, at the time that amendment was submitted, it is believed no new or additional fees are required for the present submission. If any fees are required, the Commissioner is directed to the attached Amendment Transmittal Form which authorizes that any additional fees be charged to Deposit Account Number 05-1330.

Respectfully submitted,

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